(*b*) Representations have been received for starting sugar factories at the following places:—

1. Shimoga, Shimoga District.
2. Pandavapura Mandya District.
3. Srirangapatna, do
4. Malavalli, do
5. Shikaripur, Shimoga District.
6. Tarikere, Chikmagalur District.
7. Kampli, Bellary District.
8. Siruguppa, Bellary District.

(*c*) Government have recommended to the Government of India that additional Sugar Factories on a co-operative basis might be permitted to be set up at Pandavapura and Kampli.

(*d*) Yes, a provisional survey has been made.

(*e*) *Vide* Statement—appended. Extent of lands coming undersugarcane cultivation in the different areas proposed for the establishment of sugar Factories.

Place of sugar factory	*Area proposed under sugarcane and rotation of crops* Acres
1. Pandavapura ...	14,618
2. Kampli ...	15,339
3. Bhadravati-Tarikere area.	3,440+20,126+2,000 or 25,526
4. Shimoga area ...	13,422

Irrigation Pumping sets in the Taluks of Honnali, Shikaripur and Sorab (Installation).

Q.—267. **Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA** (Honnali).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many persons applied for the installation of irrigation pumping sets in the Taluks of Honnali, Shikaripur and Sorab in the years 1952-53, 53-54, 54-55;

(*b*) out of them, how many have been sanctioned;

(*c*) how many have been installed;

(*d*) the reasons for the delay in the installation of the irrigation pumping sets?

A.—**Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA** (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*)	*1952-53*	*1953-54*	*1954-55*
Honnali ...	57	62	40
Shikaripur ...	...	87	...
Sorab ...	...	15	1
(*b*)			
Honnali ...	117	...	..
Shikaripur ...	1	...	...
Sorab ...	2	...	...
(*c*)			
Honnali ...	34	.	...
Shikaripur ...	...	...	...
Sorab ...	1	...	...

(*d*) There is no delay on the part of the department. In most cases the applicants for power supply do not get the pump house, etc. ready and make the deposits for power supply.

Agricultural Prices (fixing of).

Q.—269. **Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA** (Honnali).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any representations have been made to Government to take suitable steps to arrest the sudden fall in the prices of agricultural produce;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the steep fall in the prices of some of the agricultural produce;

(*c*) ths steps taken by them to arrest the sudden fall in the prices:

(*d*) their policy in this direction?

A.—**Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA** (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. There is no doubt a fall in the prices of agricultural commodities. But this cannot be considered to be spectacular.

(*c*) Whenever representations have been made by producers to check the fall in prices, the Government have provided export facilities for sending surplus stocks to places outside the State.

(*d*) The policy of Government in this direction is to safeguard the interests of both the producers and consumers.